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SUBJ: EA AMERICAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2110

1. WE AGREE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE CONFERENCE MEMBERS IN KUALA LUMPUR, AND ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE. TRANSLATING THOSE STATED PRINCIPLES INTO ACTION PROGRAMS, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING, AS WE PERCEIVE THE NEEDS HERE AND ON THE BASIS OF OUR LAST THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:

A. A FULLTIME REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIST, HEADQUARTERED IN BANGKOK, WITH A SMALL STAFF--PERHAPS ONLY A COUNSELOR/SECRETARY.

B. A FULLTIME REGIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST ON THE MODEL OF KABUL, WITH A SMALL STAFF.

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C. SOME COMBINATION OF SCHOOL STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST AND LOCAL

MEDICAL RESOURECES TO PROVIDE FAMILY COUNSELING AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE TO DRUG ABUSERS.

2. EITHER A OR B ABOVE TO BE FULLY FUNDED BY M/MED OUT OF THE \$500,000 WHICH REPORTEDLY IS TO BE ALLOCATED TO MED FOR MENTAL HEALTH PURPOSES.

3. WE ASSUME THAT WE COULD SWING C ABOVE ON OUR OWN, WITH A MINIMUM OF ASSISTANCE FROM OUR REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICE, BUT THIS IS A FAR LESS DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE GIVEN THE CONTINUED SERIOUSNESS OF OUR PROBLEM.

4. ALONG WITH OTHERS, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A LASTING SOLUTION TO THIS DEEPLY VEXING PROBLEM.
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